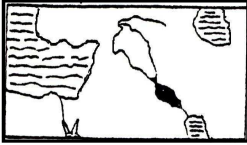


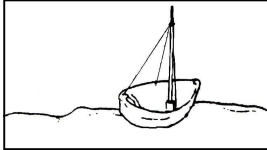
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates rivers
- Mesopotamia= “valley between rivers” Greek
- Weather much the same as today

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- 1/2 of the produce were given to the wealthy, the rest was given to the farmers and the poor

3. Religion and Philosophy



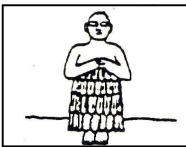
- Believed there was deities for everything natural (sun, air, water)
- Built ziggurats to worship deities
- Worship 300 deities

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Priests knowledgeable about medicine, engineering, science, and knew what deities wanted
- Studied arithmetic, reading, writing, and religious studies
- They used pictographs then later cuneiform for writing

5. Political Science



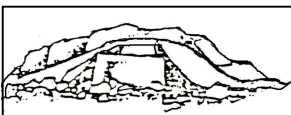
- Settled into city-states (own rules and government)
- Uruk most powerful city state
- First leaders were priests
- Strong city– states conquered and controlled weaker governments

6. Sociology



- Societies are made up of lower class, middle class, upper class, and slaves
- Men are head of household
- Women financially dependant on husbands
- Most slaves were treated fairly

7. History



- Referred to as “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest